

9/12/71

Dear Jim,

If I haven't answered your 8/2, I'm sorry. I've been pretty busy.

AO-No outline. You've seen what I've written. Plan to take rest chron order, prob. new recounting WC "investigation" last.

Would be interested in promised ref to LHO's ~~offer~~ offer of service to Navy. There is no separate aff denying service in any mil. intel outfit, only DOD. Checked years ago.

Good point on refs to his various stories of how he learned Russian. But I won't have time, too much to get onto paper.

He did have small N.O. bank account (I've forgotten my source), and he did have about \$220 in bank when he left Marines (In WW).

Proutylegit. Met twice, both time Bud's. While he is willing to serve on Bud's board I'll have no contact and I will have doubts about his judgement. No doubt authenticity. He is writing book.

Castorrs' interviews on untranscribed tapes or no notes, no tapes, when it was social. Ask what you'd like and I'll answer. I think I recall most pretty well. I never spoke to either Connell or Rogers, although latter agreed to interview (she was then going away 6 mos).

I've just written re Ramous bar. They both told me story (i.e., Castorrs) farout wife baseball player whose names could be spelled or misspelled this way. She had wild tale of being offered \$50,000 for what she knew ass., Trudi C took her to Butler, who never said any more of it, but B's wife got a little jealous. When I was in Dallas 11/68 Butler had been transferred to charge jail.

I also interviewed Machann, on untranscribed tape, if that is relevant.

Prouty again: I think he has good general knowledge but not specific on case.

If you have your copies of the CDs filed in a way that makes it possible, one thing I could use and I think, in time, PH also could, is a list of persons said to have seen LHO by CD.

Did you ever do anything with secret Ferrie stuff I sent, those CAP names, etc?

And the special report, which included license numbers, names, etc. If you did, I never heard.

I've had much company and I felt I had to return to PM, the last part of which I've now drafted. As I've probably said in carbons sent you, I now have to contract what I had done, and quiet some down. But I'm also deep into many other things, some important and not for corres. now. You'll see in time.

Sorry your letter got in the unanswered stack, but what didn't have to be handled right away I had to let wait. I'm not attacking it because I haven't enough uninterrupted time for editing. Apologies.

Best,